

IV. IMPROVE MONITORING OF VACCINATION COVERAGE AND DISEASE

Improvements over the current system are being established to measure vaccination coverage among infants and young children at the national, state, and local levels to identify undervaccinated populations and to monitor progress in achieving coverage goals. Also, clinic or office-based assessments are being promoted to help health care providers increase coverage among the populations they serve. Furthermore, surveillance for vaccine-preventable diseases will be intensified and each case of disease targeted for elimination will be investigated. Additional surveillance improvements include enhancing capacity at state and local levels, refining reporting forms and electronic systems, and updating case investigation and reporting forms. For fiscal year 1994, new CII activities will amount to a total of about \$39 million.

Objective 1: Conduct vaccination coverage surveys of the total U.S. population, of state populations, and of selected city and county populations

Action Steps:

- a. Maintain participation in the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) to monitor nationwide vaccination coverage levels
- b. Verify NHIS parental responses with provider records to adjust vaccination coverage estimates
- c. Obtain immunization coverage data for each state and IAP area (Random Digit Dialing Survey)

Objective 2: Promote the routine evaluation of coverage in the client populations served by public clinics and private providers

Action Steps:

- a. Promote the use of immunization record assessment survey methodology and software
- b. Encourage the use of immunization record assessment as a management tool for improving immunization services at the clinic level

Objective 3: Improve reporting, analysis, and dissemination of disease surveillance data and enhance epidemic response capacity